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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending lower in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment was mixed, but was overall no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally slow to moderate, best for more traditional holiday meat items and into fast food outlets. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to ample; floor stocks were in balance to long. Processing schedules for next week will mostly be part-time in observance of Thanksgiving Day. In the parts structure, pre-holiday movement was generally light to fair; supplies of all items were available to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 21-NOV-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	56.00-59.00	45.00-73.00	58.65	26
New York	58.00-61.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	48.00-74.50	72.09	89

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 72.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
946	69.06-74.00	72.25

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	149.50	1,059
BREASTS - B/S	123.50	5,506
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.00	1,144
THIGH MEAT - B/S	106.50	904
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	7,175
WINGS	80.50	2,717

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area decreased from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings and trade interest was light. Retail activity centered on turkey, ham and other holiday items with only minor activity on chicken noted. Food service trade was mixed, slow to fairly good, best into restaurants and fast food where sporting events dominate or into resort areas. Floor stocks were in close balance to instances long; weights in a desirable range. Parts trade was fairly active for further processors with products going into food service; otherwise trade was very quiet and light. Supplies were available with dark meat parts in the longest position. The market tone was steady to cautiously steady on wings and breast cuts, and weak to instances barely steady on dark meat cuts.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally slow to fair, best for holiday meat items, with trading limited to immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were sufficient, wings were readily available, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiments were barely steady to steady. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally ample to cover an only fair buyers' interest. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand fair overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally slow and unaggressive entering the weekend as dealers look to more traditional holiday items. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for the mostly light buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in breasts were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were available and discounted where product was in excess. Wings were at least adequate to fully adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally slow and the lack of any significant activity was generally noted as expected preceeding the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Seller offerings were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate and contained some operations suspended today and others slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/14/05 - 11/18/05 (A)
	11/15/04 - 11/19/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/14/05 - 11/18/05 (A)
	11/15/04 - 11/19/04 (A)

\*\*\*FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2005\*\*\*

RANGE	53-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/07/05 - 11/11/05 (A)
	11/08/04 - 11/12/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/07/05 - 11/11/05 (A)
	11/08/04 - 11/12/04 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	615	90.00-168.00	92-96	99.26		728	90.00-155.00	92-96	99.22	3,419	100.29
TENDERLOINS	168	90.00-165.00	-	96.79		TOO FEW TO REPORT				917	95.31
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				455	71.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				260	50.15
LEGS	161	32.00-68.00	33-35	34.42		160	30.00-68.00	32-34	32.75	890	34.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	20.00-35.00	25-26	25.49		589	20.00-35.00	25-27	26.58	2,881	26.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	800	23.00-36.00	27-28	26.56		800	25.00-36.00	28-29	28.18	4,460	27.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	74.00-83.00	75-77	77.26		300	70.00-83.00	77-79	78.15	1,456	78.25
WINGS (CUT)	290	90.00-96.00	92-95	94.03		322	90.00-96.00	92-95	93.91	1,510	94.11
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				369	37.11
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				204	38.21
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				326	102.42
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR NOV 17, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						TRADING FOR NOV 18, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE**

34.00 - 42.50

37.41

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE**

34.00 - 42.50

37.85

**5-DAY AVERAGE**

38.22

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light entering the weekend as dealers shifted their focus to more traditional holiday items and attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with current needs. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts ranged adequate to available; bone-in breast were ample and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light and selective. The market tone was about steady for boneless skinless breasts; weak for bone-in breasts. The balance of items were about steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

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NOV 18

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS				
BREAST - B/S	105-110	103.35	615,840		105-110	103.92	688,780	103.20	3,152,840		
TENDERLOINS	100	99.77	102,880		100	101.07	137,000	104.79	691,930		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	62.85	105,440		59-60	70.51	56,640	66.31	485,860		
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	57.33	81,000		59	55.86	63,000	58.63	314,200		
LEGS	45-46	48.77	249,010		45-46	45.78	186,280	47.13	1,024,240		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.16	235,160		27-28	27.33	390,960	27.82	1,602,473		
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	44.05	68,760		34-35	37.69	160,680	40.11	557,240		
THIGHS	34-35	46.55	47,280		34-35	44.91	52,560	44.98	261,540		
B/S THIGHS	96-97	93.10	49,160		95-96	89.07	244,160	92.67	585,880		
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	80.59	213,220		78-79	82.97	265,280	80.65	1,129,860		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.84	25,100		10-12	11.24	27,520	11.43	111,500		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.18	16,680		50-55	48.94	13,880	50.12	70,360		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.95	15,760		70-75	75.21	20,080	75.05	93,320		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,998	4,074	3,983	3,983	5.36	5.40	4,768	5.38		
Arkansas	5,916	5,431	5,391	5,423	5.21	5.33	6,165	5.32		
Delmarva	2,113	2,281	1,970	2,283	5.92	5.74	2,225	5.76		
KY-LA-TN	2,219	2,255	1,996	2,221	4.71	5.12	1,988	5.02		
Mississippi	3,068	2,995	2,534	2,752	5.20	5.59	2,920	5.36		
North Carolina	3,864	2,516	2,123	2,463	6.96	6.82	2,741	6.71		
Texas	2,547	2,538	2,531	2,544	5.27	5.30	2,537	5.17		
Total	23,725	22,090	20,528	21,669	5.45	5.56	23,344	5.50		
Mon-Fri	110,124(A)						110,113(A)			
Saturday	2,643	(included in total for date shown)					1,870			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Nov-05 and 19-Nov-05 is estimated to be 35,495,000 head up 1.33 percent from a week ago and up 4.64 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,030,000, last year 33,921,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 19-Nov-05 is estimated to be 163,061,000 head down 0.57 percent from a week ago, and up 4.49 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,999,000, last year 156,060,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-107
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100-112
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 90-105
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-188

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 05-Nov-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,072	18,919	53,677
Avg Weight	3.85	4.79	6.46
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%

#### Comparisons

Last week	26,774	15,526	59,726
Avg Weight	3.79	4.63	6.47
% of total /1	26%	15%	59%

Same week, yr ago /2	27,901	18,669	52,801
Avg Weight	3.75	4.75	6.35
% of total /1	28%	19%	53%

To date/2005	1,190,753	955,719	2,219,444
To date/2004	1,146,499	941,711	2,033,034

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 12-Nov-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	163,999	1,296	1,427	2,723	491
Avg Wt	5.53	3.39	8.08	5.85	7.21
Last week	161,982	1,233	1,470	2,703	564
Same wk yr ago	161,965	1,516	1,534	3,050	485
Avg Wt	5.30	3.40	8.05	5.74	6.80
To-date/2005	7,268,782	64,835	63,992	128,827	22,440
To-date/2004	7,074,371	61,789	61,469	123,258	21,126

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.0 million head, or 5.7 million more than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October	8 168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
	15 166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
	22 165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
	29 166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
November	5 163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
	12 166.0	160.3	104%	5.53
Year to date	7356.9	7398.4	99%	
November	19	158.0		
	26	157.2		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	11/19/05	11/12/05	% CHG	11/20/04	% CHG
Broilers	163,061	163,999*	-0.57	156,060*	+4.49
Cattle	589	592	-01	603*	-02
Hogs	2,137	2,120	+03	2,120*	+01

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 14-NOV-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59.00-70.00	63.00-68.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-88.00	71.00-75.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in balance for current needs. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 14-NOV-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 11-15-05**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.60
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.30
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .25
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .35
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .35
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .45
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.30ea.
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.75ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - .75ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .30ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.35 - .40ea.
Silgies	.75 - 1.25ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.60 - .65
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.75ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.55
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .75ea.
Goats	50.00 - 55.00ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.
Chukars	3.75 - 4.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 480

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to instances fairly good for the mostly adequate to about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal values were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for next week's reduced slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	.5-11	6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings about adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-NOVEMBER-05

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally no better than fair for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### **NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005.

**CAPONS:**

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were mostly adequate for current needs. Early bookings for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday were noted as satisfactory. Deliveries are in progress. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

6-9 LBS.	1.60-1.80	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
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**GEESE:**

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were generally adequate. Processing were working full schedules and bookings were as expected. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

**DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

8-16 LBS.	2.30-2.40
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